



Welcome to Orange Class!

We are all very excited to welcome the children into Orange Class. It is a fun, busy and stimulating transition year which moves children towards more formal learning. In the classroom you will find Mrs Smalley (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Birdsall (Thurs-Fri), who are joined by the brilliant Miss Marsland and Mrs Philips. We are all looking forward to being part of your child's journey, supporting them to develop and thrive. If you have any questions, queries or worries please don't hesitate to come and catch one of us.

This term, we are looking forward to...

Exploring our new classroom and outside area, which is very exciting! Next week we will start our outdoor learning sessions and are looking forward to visiting our local park to see how it changes during the different seasons. Our new classroom has been set up to give us plenty of time to learn and explore through play, building on our skills and knowledge gained in Red Class. We will be starting the year with one of our favourite books 'Bumblebear', who is a cheeky bear who just loves honey!

Learning in Orange Class...

Our learning this term will explore many areas in the run up to Christmas. In Science, we will be exploring the changing seasons, making the most of the (hopefully) dry weather and getting outside as much as possible. In Geography, we will take the opportunity to explore our local area, identifying natural and manmade features, along with understanding simple maps. In History, we will be discovering how transport has changed over time and visiting our local train station!

To help support your child's learning at home, you might like to try different forms of transport for trips out, such as catching the bus, taking the train, cycling or visiting the canal. You could practise drawing trains or cars with your child at home or outside.

Key Vocabulary

Here are some of the words we will introduce/ discuss through our learning this term:

- Manmade, natural, feature, primary colours, warm tones, cool tones, stippling, transport, passenger, engineer, invention, weather, summer, autumn, winter, spring

Phonics

Over the next few weeks, we will start to work in focussed groups for phonics. Once this is in place, you will be sent an information sheet in your child's reading record with everything you need to know about the phase they are working on.

Reading at Home

We love reading in Orange Class. Please check out our recent letter sent home to hear all about it!

Maths at Home

Playing simple board games together, counting out up to 20+ objects (e.g. toys, cars or food) and building with different shapes (e.g. wooden blocks, Lego) or talking about the shapes you see around you will support your child's learning in mathematics.

Important Days and Dates

- Local area walks and visit to the train station (date TBC).
- Outdoor learning –Monday
(Please send children with Wellies.)
- PE days- Wednesday and Friday.
(Due to our active uniform nothing extra needs sending in on these days.)